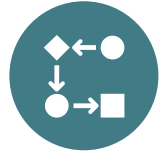


Upcoming Changes to CalFresh

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The CalSAWS 26.07 release includes two CalFresh updates supporting CalFresh Payment Error Rate and enhancements to ABAWD functionality: automated Expense Detail Contributors and revised ABAWD Work Registration Exemption logic.

New CalFresh Automation for Expense Contributors



- Workers will have the option to click a new button that will auto-populate Contributors into the Expense Detail page. Workers will still have the option to add Contributors manually.
- Auto-populated Contributors will include all individuals in Pending or Active status on a program with a Household Status of In the Home. If no individuals meet this criteria, a validation message will indicate this.
- A validation message will prompt workers to review the list of auto-populated Contributors to make sure all contributing household members were correctly selected.
- These updated training resources will be available with Release 26.07:
 - JA Expense Management
 - Expense Detail Online Help page



Updated ABAWD Work Registration Exemption Logic

- CalSAWS will assign the work registration exemption of Cares for Dependent Child Under 6 *only when* a child under six (6) is identified as “In the Home” and the individual has parental control over the child.
 - If an individual currently has this exemption, the updated logic will check this qualification the next time EDBC is run for the individual. Note: CalSAWS will retain the “Work Registration” ABAWD exemption until the end of the certification period if the individual does not meet any other work registration or ABAWD exemptions.
- The worker can manually add the work registration exemption if:
 - the individual is caring for a dependent child under 6 that is not living in the home, or
 - if there is more than one individual with parental control of the child in the home. In this situation, the worker must manually determine which individual should receive the exemption.

